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MULTI PURPOSE NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a pilot project for issuing Multi-purpose National Identity Cards was started in the year 2003;

(b) If so, the total fund granted and spent so far;

(c) Whether the said project has failed to achieve its target;

(d) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) The time by which all the persons covered under the scheme are likely to be issued identity cards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir; Rs. 44.36 crores have been sanctioned for the pilot project. Of this, Rs. 12.34 crores has been spent so far.

(c):The main purpose of the pilot project has been to create a test-bed for evaluating the identity processes and associated technology as well as for identifying the limitations and pitfalls thereof. The pilot project has helped to provide insights into the complexities with processes as well as data management and integration, data retrieval and data warehousing, connectivity etc.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : The contract for production and distribution of identity cards to persons of age 18 years and above in the pilot project areas, has been awarded to the Government Companies. As per the time schedule agreed with them, the distribution of identity cards will be completed by May 2007.